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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants petition for the period for response to be extended by two months. If any fee is required to fully consider this response, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 3772-22.

Amended portions of the **specification** are presented on pages 2-3.

Sequence identifiers are inserted.

The **claims** are presented on pages 4-7.

Claims 1-19, 23-24, 26-28 and 95 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 96-115 are added.

Remarks begin on page 8.